'Times Want Ads Bring Results."

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# FORTS IN THE BAY PLAY HAVOC WITH DICKINS' VESSELS

Six Ships of the "Hostile Fleet Theoretically Sunk.

#### TEXAS AFOUL OF A MINE

In Imagination the Big Battleship Goes to Bottom of the Sea.

peake bay is safe for the present. The "hostile" fleet under Admiral Dickins attacked For's Howard, Carroll, Armistead, and Smallwood early this morning and was badly smashed by mines and the runs of the fort. Of the sixteen vessels comprising the at-

battleship Texas led the assault on the fort. Under cover of the fire of the big armored ships, the Newark sailed up the bay but was speedly sunk by the men of Fort Howard. The Texas went afoul of a mine and in imagination went to the bottom of the sea. Four torpedo boats went down under the

distructive fire from the forts.

The other ships of Dickins fleet are the cruisers Atlanta, the training ship Hartford, the monitors Florida, Nevada, Puritan and Arkensas, and the scouts of the fleet, the Hornet and Sylph, and

#### Test's of Colors Made.

One interesting point in the mimic was was the fact that the vessels of the attacking squadron were painted different colors, so as to determine which color was the most difficult to pick up with earchlight.

The Texas, the Newark, the Atlanta the Terror, the Puritan, the Hornet, the Sylph, and the Sylvia were painted white. The Florida, the Arkansas, and the Nevada were a dull khaki, green. The Hartford was black, and the tor-pedo craft were painted a dark brown-

In the main, the war game is simple in In the main, the war game is simple in object. Its general purpose is to test the defenses of Baltimore and Washington. Besides ascertaining once more the effectiveness of these works of the army and navy, the exercises will show the best point for warships when actively engaged in war, and afford experience in the laying and evasion of torpedoes and in general gun practice. The big guns, however, will not be fired, owing to the great cost.

### No Tricks Are Indulged.

The game is officially called "joint ex as distinguishing the present operations from what are known 'joint maneuvers." There is no intention of trying to obtain a victory either tricks are being indulged, nor any attempt made on the part of one com-mander to outwit another. The week's ork will be more prosaic than that. What is wanted are certain facts collected by observant officers who must have time and opportunity to wield pen-cils and pens. Representatives from the army are on the ships and sailors are

In the forts.

The commander of the land forces is Major General Wade, commanding the Department of the Atlantic, who came here from Governor's Island to take charge of the defenses.

The army force consists of fifty-one companies of coast artillery, a number which represent about 50 per cent of the total strength of that branch of the zervice.

#### Like the Real Thing. The demonstration against the forts

was so much like the real thing last might that those who witnessed it had the sensations of Togo and Rogestvensky. Contrary to expectation, the startling information at 1:30 that the attacking fleet was in sight and making its way up stream. The moon was well up, but hidden behind banks of clouds In a minute the signals at Sandy Point were flashing the same news to the forts, and at once the searchlights began to sweep over the water. was this a moment too soon. Before they had completed a thorough search of the waters the light fell on the lowlying black hulls of three torpedo boats lying black huils of three torpedo boats that were attempting to sneak past the forts without lights. Before a gun could be fired there was a sharp jangling of a bell in the fort, which told that one of the boats had struck a mine. The others held their headway, and the command was given to open fire. Immediately the forts broke into a ribbon of flame, and in the quiet of the night the blank one-pounder charges sounded like the real roar of the 12the night the blank one-pounder charges sounded like the real roar of the 12-inch guns from which they were fired.

The blackness and silence which had all along surrounded the boats now gave place to the blaze and roar of their guns as they returned the fort's fire. Flashes were plainly seen from the buildings on the high grounds of the

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Unsettled weather prevails this morning over the Atlantic States, and there have been general showers from New England southwestward into Texas and New Mexico, and also local showers in the upper lake region and the north Pacific States.

It is somewhat cooler in the lower lake region and Ohio valley, and slightly warmer over most of the remaining districts.

TEMPERATURE.

THE SUN.

TIDE TALE. 

# las' fall." "Take ker there now, Steele," warned Pruitt. "You treading on my corns, and I'm just full 'nough of booze now to finish up that little job I started on that day you was on my land." "Aw, you wouldn't shoot a chicken, Pill," said Steele, as he laughed in his glass of beer. Repeatedly Derided Pruitr.

Pruitt stamped around the room for a ly answered Steele, telling him that it rub salt in old wounds. Steele repeat-

Keg of Beer Tapped.

ties and to tell stories about one an-

filled plum full o' buckshot one raw day

"I remember," said Steele, "that me

William Pruitt.

OLD GRUDGE IS RECALLED

Taunts Lead to Threats and Threat

to Fatal Use of Hunting

Shot through the right hand and ab-

a painter, at the latter's home near An-

Police Headquarters this morning, where

given to Superintendent Edward Evans.

Without being told of the death of his

precinct station, where he was incar-

erated for the night. A charge of mur-

der was registered against him. It is

killed Steele yesterday afternoon.

of the Bureau of Criminal Identification

o'clock this morning.

# MIMIC WAR RAGES ALONG THE HISTORIC SHORES OF THE CHESAPEAKE



## Crawford Put Through A Severe Examination

### Throughout the Length of Major Conrad's Questioning, However, the Defendant in Postal Case Maintains His Composure.

For two hours this morning, and as many this afternoon, William G. Craw-crd underwent a severe cross-examination by Major Holmes Conrad, the special attorney employed by the Government to assist the District Attorney in acostia yesterday afternoon, Edward Steele, an employe in the local navy yard, was sent to the Washington Hosmany this afternoon, William G. Craw-ford underwent a severe cross-examinapital, and died there shortly after 9 tion by Major Holmes Conrad, the spe cial attorney employed by the Govern-Pruitt, who admits that he shot Steele ment to assist the District Attorney in while in a drunken brawl, was taken to the prosecution of the postoffice fraud

examination the witness maintained his Without being told of the death of his victim, he was taken back to the Fifth or secting tation where he was been in a sharp tone of voice. Major Conrad brought to bear all art in cross-examination, and never lost an oppor

amination, and never lost an opportunity to remind the defendant of an apparent contradiction.

Some time was devoted to the explanation of Crawford's statement of why he received remittances from Lorenz. Major Conrad pinned Crawford down to his specific reasons for accepting these remittances, and then asked probable that he will attend the inquest which Coroner Nevitt will hold over the body of Steele tomorrow morning at 11 Fruitt lived in the old Naylor man-lon, in the heart of the woods near sion, in the heart of the woods near Twining City. There is a broad exing these remittances, and then asked panse of territory around his home, and explanations of his actions along other all this is covered by his lease. Pruitt is a great hunter, and it was with one

of his single-barrel shotguns that he consume most of the session tomorrow morning. The defense will then examine two or three witnesses, and the Government will take up a short rebuttal. It is hardly probable that the case will go to the jury until Tuesday or Wedlit is hardly probable that the case will adjourn Thursday afternoon until Monday, as usual.

Crawford Cross-Examined.

Prior to the resumption of the session tomorrow morning. The defense will the situation will be clear that the examination of Crawford, Mr. Worth
Paint Company, on April 18, 1902, telling of his distrust of Lorenz, and requesting that they came and requesting plany, brought them over from Philadelphia and today showed them to Secretary of War Taft. They included the check for \$5,000 which Mr. Bean, the company's agent in Caracas, paid to Mr. Loomis.

The books howed that this payment was entirely a matter of exchange. Mr. Crawford cross-Examined.

Prior to the resumption of the cross-examination of Crawford, Mr. Worth-The cross-examination will probably Steele, who lived on the James E. farm in Prince George county. Md., was as much of a hunter many trips and had been on the most friendly terms for years.

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tives.

Last fall Steele and his son went hunting for ortolans or rails, and trespassed upon Pruitt's land. The latter, not knowing who was on his property, procured a gun and ordered the two supposed strangers off. When he discovered the identity of the trespassers he tried to make amends and welcomed them to his home. After this occurrence Steele never seemed the same.

Yesterday a keg of beer was tapped in Pruitt's home. The drinking began about 10 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock the members of the party had become suf-ficiently familiar to deal in personali-

"Did you make any such arrange ment with Machen?" Mr. Worthington partner,

"No, sir; I did not."
Major Conrad then took up the cross-examination where he left off last

### Explains His Question.

In trying to call Crawford's attention difference between his statement and that of Lorenz, Major Conrad made OTHER WITNESSES HEARD composure, although ence or twice he a long statement in explanation of his question.

> Ira Atkinson Denies Any Knowledge of argument to the jury," interrupted Mr.

# Shown Old Letters.

Major Conrad next called the attenion of the witness to the letter written further elucidation of the Bowen-Loomis by him to the New York Leather and

Crawford Cross-Examined.

Prior to the resumption of the cross-examination of Crawford, Mr. Worthington obtained permission to ask the witness one or two questions which had slipped his memory in the examination in chief.

Mr. Worthington called Crawford's attention to a statement made by Lorenz to the effect that Crawford told him that he (Crawford) had made arrangements with Machen for the insertion of an item in the specifications permitting the use of other materials besides

the very day after you had made a bustness connection with him?"

Crawford explained that Lorenz left the hotel and city very suddenly, pending an engagement with him. This created some distrust. Confidence was restored when he found that Lorenz had not called upon the company, and was acting fair.

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"I made no such accusation," interble to Mr. Bean for \$10,000 was really intended for Mr. Loomis.

rupted that attorney.
Crawford explained that Mr. Polk, his partner, did some work for Congressmen and had House stationery in the office. Mr. Atkinson positively denied that he was one of the "whisperers." He also denied any knowledge of any other financial transaction in which

### Defendant Again Explains.

Loomis had been interested with the as phalt company. Thursday.

The first point touched upon was the difference between Lorenz's and Crawford was asked to repeat in detail all of the reasons which caused him to accept remittances from Lorenz; why Lorenz made payments to him, to accept remittances from Lorenz; why Lorenz made payments to him, to accept remittances from Lorenz; why Lorenz made payments to him, SCHOLARS MARCH CALMLY on his examination in chief, Crawford how Lorenz was anxious for prompt remittances. which were impossible in The defendant again explained

# CZAR CONSENTS TO MAKE PEACE

Count Cassini Presents Reply to President's Note Signifying Russia's Willingness to Name Plenipotentiaries.

### CONFIDENCE AGAIN RESTORED IN PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Place of Meeting of Moscovite and Japanese Envoys Has Not Yet Been Decided Upon---Now Under Discussion.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today laid before the President Russia's formal answer to the President's identical note of June 8.

It is to the effect that Russia assents to the President's proposition and will appoint plenipotentiaries to discuss with plenipotentiaries appointed by Japan terms of peace.

The formal answer of Japan, of like character, already having been communicated to the President, negotiations are assured. The place of meeting of the peace envoys is now under consideration by the two governments.

The above information is official.

#### COUNT CASSINI AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

was made at the White House shortly after 1 o'clock. 'Contrary to the usual custom for daylight visits. Count Cassini presented himself at the main part of the White House, instead of at the President's office in the west wing. This fact, of itself, indicated the im-

portance of the interview. Although Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg had already transmitted the substance of Russia's reply, the official notification to the President was no

Petersburg that Russia will not clothed from his week-end visit in Virginia.

The commissioners with full power to settle upon terms of peace, the feeling freeted him at the White House, were that the end of the war is in sight "Are you still sitting on the lid?" still continues.

In connection with these rumors, at tention is called to the wording of the President's note, wherein he suggested "plenipotentiaries or delegates." It is his principal adviser likely that he had in mind the possible It was intimated disinclination of the Russian government to give plenary powers to its rep-

Therefore he included the word "delegates" as an alternative. He would be quite satisfied if Russia should first erely instruct her representatives to obtain from the Japanese delegates, a statement of the terms upon which Meyer and Minister Griscom today.

REAR-ADMIRAL DICKENS

SHOWN TO TAFT

Indicate \$5,000 Check Was

in Exchange.

Facts in Bowen-Loomis

Controversy.

The cash books and other volume

NEW YORK, March 12. - Fifteen

ASPHALT BOOKS

### hostilities

would have been taken

Initial Step Taken. In any event, the action of the com-

missioners would have to be approved by the Czar as well as by the Mikado efore peace could be formally declared. So it does not make a great deal of difference whether the are given plenary powers to draw up a

treaty or not.

That the President is gratified over the favorable reception accorded his note, not only by the belligerents, but also by the world at large, goes with-out saying. He was in a particularly jovial mood on his return last night from his week-end visit in Virginia.

"Are you still sitting on the lid?" Conference With Taft.

The Secretary assured him that the the appointment by the billigerents of hour's talk between the President and

It was intimated at the White House this morning that statements would be issued regarding the peace negotiations until the Japanese reply to the President's note should be received in St. Petersburg and the Russian reply in Tokyo.

It is expected that notice of the received the support of th

## Diversity of Opinion As to Peace Prospects

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question of peace rests with Japan.

official authority says this is the stand taken by the Czar and his most power-

### Baron Rosen's Task.

to go abroad in a short time or busines he may head Russia's peace commis

ya this morning is exciting much comment. It says:

unless Japan, under the slogan of 'Asia unless Japan, under the slogan of 'Asia for the Asiatics,' should recognize that Russia in her origin, history, and destiny is an Asiatic as well as an European power and be ready to conclude, not peace, but an alliance.'

It concludes: "if Japan can only recognize that Russia must remain an Asiatic power as well as herself a durable and permanent peace is possible."

Many Minds Regarding Peace.

#### ST. PETERSBURG. June 12 .- There are many rumors in regard to peace

FROM BURNING SCHOOL today in government circles, but it is notable that hardly two officials lave the same view. On making the round of the same view. On making the round of the same view.

tions which are soon to be opened will

#### Nor Beaten Down. Russia does not consider that she has

teen beaten down on her knees. She believes that the position of Linevitch's Rosen, the new ambassador to America. Your correspondent is informed that while the question of indemnity will be

one which will require the most subtle

The attitude assumed today by the reactionary press shows that there is for the state is taken as indication that strong party in St. Petersburg working he may head Russia's peace commisagainst peace. The newspapers which reflect the sentiment of this anti-peace party today publish articles attacking

party today publish articles attacking President Roosevelt.

The declaration is made that the President is openly hostile to Russia.

LONDON, Jane 12.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at St. Petersburg wires that the outlook for peace is not as bright as it was yesterday, owing to the reports that the Japanese have begun an offensive movement in Manchuria.

#### Japan Not Anxious Now To Conclude Peace

TOKYO, June 12.-While the feeling is more hopeful here that the war with Pruitt stamped around the room for a while, drank more beer, and then finally answered Steele, telling him that it wasn't right to bring up old grudges and rub salt in old wounds. Steele repeating balt in old wounds. Continued on Second Page.)

Major Conrad turned to the state-ment of Crawford, nade before Fourth the offices today, at least seven difference which were impossible in view of the strap matter, as straps were to be furnished by the Government, and the colors of the balt in old wounds. It was in the early part of May, 1903.

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### ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—The end. One thing is certain, and that is that the bureaucracy is not agreed to If she offers terms which Russia con- the peace at any price idea. siders she can with honor accept, peace will be speedily arranged. If, however, a with the ultimatum that they must

# will be speedily arranged. If, however, a demand is made for the cession of Russian territory, the dismanting of Viadivostok, or an excessive indemnity, Russia will continue to fight. This is the best opinion here. A high official authority says this is the stand

# ful advisers.

showing the financial transactions of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company in Venezuela during the time of will represent Russia in the preliminary negotiations if they are held in Washington. Some definite steps will be tak-States minister have been produced in en probably within the next twenty-four handling on the part of the peace com-

## The announcement that M. Witte Is

A significant editorial in Novoe Vrem

"There is no great prospect of peace